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and of John R. Rice

"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20.

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Baptism of the Holy Spirit

A Re-Study by Keith L. Brooks, Los Angeles, California

"TARRY YE UNTIL YE BE ENDUED WITH POWER FROM ON HIGH" — LUKE 24:49

(Extracts from an article in *The Voice of the Independent Fundamental Churches of America*, April 1937).

"For some years the expression 'baptism of the Holy Spirit' has been heard little in Fundamentalist circles. Bible Institutes in recent years have abandoned the term in their teaching of the doctrine of the Spirit, except as it is confined to an initial collective experience of the early disciples at Pentecost. Whereas the great evangelists of the last generation exhorted men to 'seek the baptism of the Spirit,' and earnest ministers of all evangelical denominations, did the same, today the Pentecostals seem to have a monopoly on the term (except for a few old fashioned exhorters) and Fundamentalists shun its use, holding it to be unscriptural for this age and savoring too much of extremism. In short, we seem to have decided upon the expression, 'filling of the Spirit' in referring to the abundant life which is available to believers on the terms of a yielded life. The notes of the Scofield Bible teach that the baptism is to be thought of only in connection with Pentecost, never to be repeated, and that the believer's experience today is the fullness of the Spirit which may be often repeated.

"Why is it that only Pentecostals teach the baptism of the Spirit? Articles recently have been appearing from the pens of some well known leaders of orthodoxy, stressing the baptism of the Spirit as the great need of the church today. Scripture passages have been used in a way convincing to many and earnest Christians who feeling their lack of power, are seeking the 'baptism.' Messages which the late R. A. Torrey preached with great power on this subject are being quoted. Moody and others are cited.

"Dr. Torrey insisted that the 'baptism' was the essential equipment for service and witnessing and there is no question but that thousands came into the Spirit-filled life as a result of his mes-

sages. No one can accuse Dr. Torrey of moving in 'Pentecostal' circles or of bordering on fanaticism. His teaching bore no relation to the view that one cannot know that he is saved unless he has spoken in tongues. In his later years when some teachers began raising objection to the term, we often heard Dr. Torrey say that he would not argue about terms: what he wanted was to get Christians to fully abandon their lives to and to be 'full of the Spirit.'

"The Central Truth of Pentecost
"The question is: Are we to expect another Pentecost—another outpouring, another shedding forth of the Spirit? Or what is the essential truth of Pentecost which we are to seize upon?"

"The central fact of Pentecost was that they were FILLED with the Spirit and 'endued with power from on high' (Lk. 24:49) enabling them to go everywhere witnessing with divine unction (Acts 1:8). WE do not have to tarry for the coming of the Spirit, but it has certainly been the experience of the vast majority of Christians that this 'unction' (I John 2:20) or 'anointing' (I John 2:27) or 'fullness' (Eph. 5:18) of the Spirit has come at some time subsequent to conversion, and it has usually been connected with special times of prayer and heart searching (Acts 4:31). Dr. Torrey taught that power of the Spirit for service was to be earnestly sought in prayer (Luke 11:13) and we believe this to be sound advice. Many are living without power because they have not earnestly sought it. There are doubtless some who, at the time of conversion, make such a complete surrender to God that they experience fullness of life simultaneously with the gift of life (CONTINUED ON PAGE 2)

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY AUGUST 1st

ALL DAY SERVICES, BASKET DINNER, PREACHERS ORDAINED, VISITORS AND HOME COMING

August first the Fundamentalist Baptist Church in Dallas celebrates its fifth anniversary. We will praise God for His blessings and re-dedicate ourselves to the task of soul winning, baptizing, and teaching the Word of God as commanded in the Great Commission.

In order to make it possible for visitors from the surrounding country to attend, we are setting the dinner hour at 1:00 p. m. Thus our friends from a wide center within an hour's drive of Dallas, can have their morning services and come for a happy hour of fellowship around the table. It will be an old fashioned "dinner on the ground," not just a sandwich and a pickle. Members and friends of the Dallas congregation will provide the dinner and all our friends are invited to join whether they come with lunch or without.

In the afternoon there will be an interesting program. We expect a number of visiting speakers to take part in the afternoon services. There will be special music.

There will also be briefly an ordination service. Rev. Leonard Barnes of Dallas, is serving as pastor of the Lakeland Terrace Baptist Church and has a good number of converts to baptize. So a call has come for his ordination and visiting fundamentally sound pastors will be asked to join in the examination and ordination of this young minister with suitable and Scriptural ceremonies that will prove of great interest to the public. Perhaps other young ministers called of God and tried and approved by the churches will be ordained at the same time.

We are inviting other fundamental churches in Dallas, Fort Worth, and all the surrounding territory to leave their morning services in time to be with us for dinner at one o'clock and then to take part in the afternoon services. The program will be announced, God willing, next week.

Facts About Our Lord's Return

By Rev. Tom H. Masters, Chickasha, Oklahoma

"I will come again." John 14:3.

1. His return is to be a personal return. In John 14 He says, "I will come again." He said he would go away. It was not a phantom departure, but He went in person. And He said, "I will come again." He did not mean a spiritual return, but a personal coming again. His words cannot be interpreted in any other way. Furthermore, the two men in white apparel said to the disciples, "This same Jesus which is taken up from you, into Heaven shall so come in like manner as you have seen Him go into Heaven" (Acts 9:11). If this be true, why should we think of some strange happening as being the coming of Christ? I have heard people say, when they heard some strange noise or saw something out of the ordinary, that they thought sure the world was coming to an end. How foolish statements like that sound, when He says, "I will come again." When I leave home and tell my children I am coming back, they do not look for an explosion or expect the sky to fall. No, they look for daddy. That's what Paul meant when he said, "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout."

2. His coming will be certain. He said, "I will come again." His coming is not dependent upon us, this is an unconditional promise. The postmillennialist would have us believe that Christ can not come until the world is converted, but there are dozens of Scriptures that teach the world will be far from being a converted world when He comes. For example, Luke 17:26, "And as it was in the days of Noah, (Noah), so shall it be also in the days of the Son of Man." What was the moral condition in the days of Noah? Read the next verse and if that is not enough read the 6th chapter of Gen. If the coming of Christ was dependent upon the faithfulness of any nation, church or individual except Christ Himself, we would be of all men most miserable. If the pur-

pose of the gospel is to convert the world then it has failed. The purpose of the gospel is to call out from the world a people for His name. We can not do anything to aid His coming or prevent. We can only be ready and watch for His coming and help others to get ready. Be assured His coming is CERTAIN, dear friend. Are you ready? He says, "I WILL come again."

3. The third fact is, HE IS COMING. He says, "I will COME again." In the 13th chapter Jesus foretells His betrayal and departure from this world. The disciples have learned to love Him, and how can they do without Him? He gives them comfort by telling them, "I will COME again." We do not want to be with Him half as bad as He wants to be with us, so He must return to receive us unto Himself. Some of us may be dead when He comes but that is all right, that is one reason He is coming back, to raise the dead. Could He not just send for us? He could, but does the bridegroom send for the bride? No. Well, then, Jesus is not going to send for us: He says, "I will COME again." There are several things to take place after He comes but we make a great mistake when we try to bundle up all of the events in one bundle and think of all of them as taking place in a moment. Remember, there were several things prophesied about His first coming, but they were not all fulfilled in one day, it took 33 years to fulfill all the Scriptures concerning His first coming. So it is with His second advent; it will take better than a thousand years to fulfill all the Scriptures connected with His return, AFTER HE COMES. The first thing is, He must come. Everything depends on His coming. (CONTINUED ON PAGE 2)

"Every Creature" Evangelism

The Saviour commanded, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). If we reach every creature with the gospel, we must use every means at hand. Paul said that "I am made all things to all men that I might by all means save some" (I Cor. 9:22). For this reason we preach in Dallas at the Fundamental Baptist Tabernacle. And, my, what a crowd we had last Sunday night! For that reason we went to Waxahachie Sunday afternoon at three o'clock where two were saved. For that reason we are starting again the weekly broadcast on WRR. For that reason we are now in a revival at Chickasha, Oklahoma, (returning Sunday morning for our work in Dallas). For that reason, that is, that by all means we might save some, we speak in Fort Worth Sunday afternoon as a guest of a group of independent fundamental churches and then rush back to Chickasha, Oklahoma, 200 miles to preach again in the evening. For this reason we get out many thousands of booklets and pamphlets with the gospel message to saints and sinners.

And for this reason we publish *The Sword of the Lord* with its Bible studies, its defense of the faith, its exposures of modernism and sin and most of all, its plain (CONTINUED ON PAGE 3)

JUDGMENT!

"It Is Appointed Unto Men Once To Die, But After This The Judgment" — Heb. 9:27

(Continued from Last Week)

It must be apparent to all that any one who comes to this judgment is certain to be condemned. When it comes to any judgment passed on our own deeds, there could be only one outcome. Man is so wicked that any time man receives justice he receives condemnation. The Scripture says, "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all" (Isa. 53:6). We are told that "we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin. As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one; There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one" (Rom. 3:9-12). And

again, "There is no difference: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:22, 23). And again, "If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us" (I John 1:10). What chance has any sinner before God without mercy? It is written that "the soul that sinneth, it shall die" (Ezek. 18:4), and "the wages of sin is death." So every man, woman and child who comes to this last great judgment of the unsaved dead to be judged according to their works will meet only condemnation. This judgment is not to find out whether or not men are sinners. It is only the public and official confirmation of their guilt so that every person in Heaven and Hell will admit the justice of God. Reader, if you come to be judged before the great white throne, then eter-

nal torment is your portion and there is no escape!

"And Whosoever Was Not Found Written in the Book of Life Was Cast Into the Lake of Fire"

Besides the record books, another book will be opened at that judgment. It is the book of life. And that is the final humiliation, the final condemnation, the final blow to every hope of every sinner at this terrible judgment before Jesus on the great white throne. Why is it brought here, this book of life? Not a person here has his name written therein so why should it be brought here? Not a word is said about any one of all the millions assembled here having their names in the book of life. Then what is its purpose in this judgment? The answer is this: it is God's final answer to every plea (CONTINUED ON PAGE 3)

JOHN R. RICE ON WRR
7:30 A. M. SUNDAY

Tune in every Sunday morning at 7:30 to 8 o'clock to Radio WRR, Dallas, 1280 kilocycles. Evangelist John R. Rice is bringing a series of messages on the second coming of Christ. Sunday morning the message will be "What Will Happen When Jesus Comes?" There will be special music by the Rice-Shappard duet.

This radio program is sponsored in part by the Tru-Fit Optical Company of 1420 Commerce Street, Dallas, Texas, and by the Machinery Sales and Supply Company, T. W. Patton, owner, 2124 Main Street, Dallas. These firms are composed of fine Christian gentlemen.

Listen in, tell your friends, pray for blessings, have your Bibles ready 7:30 each Sunday morning.



A revival crowd at First Baptist Tabernacle, Englewood, Colorado. Insert shows pastor, Harvey Springer. The picture was taken when he was preaching. We had similar crowds, however, in the revival in May when the editor, John R. Rice, preached. Harvey H. Springer is a well

known evangelist and spends a large portion of his time in great revivals. He is just closing such a revival in Youngstown, Ohio, which will result, we believe, in an independent Fundamentalist Baptist Church. Then will follow a revival in North Denver and then a city-wide re-

vival in Oklahoma City. Let us pray for this pastor and for his fine church. We praise God for their unity, the souls won and for their ministry in sending their pastor out to win multitudes.

BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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through the Spirit, but the majority are not brought to surrender until some special experience brings them to face their need of power for service."

Editorial Comment On Dr. Brook's Article

We thank God for the renewed emphasis on the need for the power of the Spirit in Christian life and service and we gladly quote part of the article by our Brother Keith L. Brooks of Los Angeles. The entire article may be found in *The Voice of the Independent Fundamental Churches of America* for April, 1937.

We want to call attention espe-

cially to certain statements above and to emphasize them.

"The great evangelists of the last generation exhorted men to 'seek the baptism of the Spirit,' and earnest ministers of all evangelical denominations, did the same.

"Articles recently have been appearing from the pens of some well known leaders of orthodoxy, stressing the baptism of the Spirit as the great need of the church today. Scripture passages have been used in a way convincing to many and earnest Christians who, feeling their lack of power, are seeking the 'baptism.' Messages which the late R. A. Torrey

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While we do not use terms always the same as our beloved and useful Brother Brooks, yet we agree with him perfectly on the following matters: 1. The fullness of the Spirit is for Christians today just as in Bible times. 2. Speaking in tongues, sinless perfection, etc., are not the Bible evidence of the baptism of the Holy Spirit whether you use the term 'baptism' to refer to one being united to the body of Christ, or to a filling of the Spirit or anointing of the Spirit after salvation. One need not be a Pentecostalist to believe in the possibility and need for fullness of the Spirit of God. 3. The fullness or anointing or outpouring of the Spirit brings soul winning power. 4. While we do not need to pray or tarry for God to send the Holy Spirit into the world since He is already here, yet Christians should earnestly pray for the power of the Holy Spirit just as New Testament Christians did, since God has promised the Holy Spirit "to them that ask Him" (Luke 11:13).

And we agree with the late Dr. R. A. Torrey about whom Brother Brooks says, "We often heard Dr. Torrey say that he would not argue about terms: what he wanted was to get Christians to fully abandon their lives to and to be 'full of the Spirit.'" May God arouse Christians to seek for the power and fullness of God's Holy Spirit, to receive and bless His people and save sinners.

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4. The fourth act is: He is coming AGAIN. The disciples might have asked, "How about the kingdom the angel Gabriel spoke of, and the kingdom we preached about being at hand?" That will be taken up when He comes again. On the cross He cried out, "It Is Finished." Salvation was provided. The days of His humiliation were over but He has not finished His work here upon earth or He would not have said He was coming AGAIN. We are told in many places in the Bible to look for Him, to wait for Him, to be ready for Him at His coming. We are not told to look for Jesus after we die or after we get to Heaven but while here in this life, because He said He would come again. If He came to the earth the first time, He will come to the earth again. If He thought enough of us to come the first time and die for us, surely He will not fail to come and live with us. Men do not dig for treasure just to get exercise. The farmer does not plant corn just to see it grow. Jesus loved the church and gave Himself for it, "That He might present it to Himself a glorious church."

After the hours of sorrow,
After the toil and pain;
Maybe that on tomorrow,
Jesus will come one day;
Down from His home in Heaven,
Back to earth again;
Coming to meet His children,
Ever with them to stay.

Hasten, and "be ye ready,"
Ready the Lord to meet;
Love Him, and serve Him only,
Then you the Christ may greet,
Surely we know He is coming,
Coming again ere long:
So, let your light be shining,
Be faithful, true and strong.

Wonderful words of truth,
Jesus will come again;
Unto Him be thou faithful,
Faithful to Him remain.
Ever singing His praises,
Lauding His wonderful name.
Jesus, "The Rock of Ages,"
Surely will come again.

"God works in mysterious ways,
His wonders to perform
He plants His footsteps in the sea,
And rides upon the storm.
"Deep in unfathomable mines,
With never failing skill,
He treasures up His bright designs,
And works His sovereign will.

"Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take,
The clouds you so much dread
Are big with mercy, and shall break

With blessings upon your head.
"His purpose will ripen fast,
Unfolding every hour;
The bud may have a bitter taste,
But sweet will be the flower."

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By Eula Lee

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We have sold \$1,806.33 worth of books from the opening date until June 30th, 1937. To many people this would not seem much, but when you think that this Book Room is out in a residential district and not in a place where people would necessarily see the books, as it is in the rear of the Church building, you realize that it has done unusually well. We praise the Lord for His blessings. We are happy in the work and with the fine prospects for the future. We want to thank our friends everywhere for their support and hope with the coming year we will be able to supply all your book needs. If we do not have on hand the book that you want we will do our best to get it for you. Just address The Sword Book Room, 201 E. 10th St., Dallas, Texas.

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of the sinner. When the book of life is closed then mercy is gone.

It is true that people go to Hell because of their sins and that their punishment is proportioned to their guilt and according to their works. And yet in the last analysis people do not go to Hell so much for their sins, for all their lives of sin, as they do for the one sin of rejecting Christ. Every sinner deserves Hell but a way of escape is offered in Jesus Christ. He has died for every sinner, paid every debt, offered mercy and pardon to every guilty soul. Those who come to God by faith in Christ, His crucified Son, have their names written in the Lamb's book of life. The book of life contains, not the names of good people, but the names of bad people who have been forgiven. The book of life does not contain the names of those who have earned Heaven but the names of those deserving Hell, who have been freely pardoned and whose sins are under the blood of Christ! So here the book of life is brought and every sinner after his record book is opened and he has confessed all his sins and bowed the knee to Jesus Christ, the last witness is brought out against him and that is the book of life. They search through those pages and their names are not there. How solemn it must make us when we realize that Heaven or Hell is not decided at the great white throne judgment but is decided here in this life. It is only now while we live and are moved by the Spirit and led to repentance and faith in Christ that men have their names written in the Lamb's book of life. Sometimes people pray, "Save us in Heaven for Jesus' sake. Amen." but that is a foolish prayer. Salvation is obtained in this life, and not in the next. The great decision is made now while we live and not

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"Neither know we what to do; but our eyes are upon thee." (II Chron. 20:12).

A life was lost in Israel because a pair of human hands were laid unbidden upon the ark of God. They were placed upon it with the best intent, to steady it when trembling and shaking as the oxen drew it along the rough way, but they touched God's work presumptuously, and they fell paralyzed

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Blessings At Decatur Camp Meeting

When you read this, the second annual Decatur Camp meeting will be drawing to a close. It was our privilege to visit for a little time Tuesday in the camp meeting, en route to Chickasha, Oklahoma, for a revival meeting. Our own Brother E. L. Banta was director of the camp meeting the second year and a goodly number of our Dallas people were in attendance. In the short time we were on the grounds, we met people attending from Casa Grande, Arizona; from Oklahoma City and El Reno, Oklahoma, from San Antonio, Fort Worth, Dallas, Electra, Gainesville, Sherman, Decatur, Burk Burnett, Texas, and elsewhere. We learned that many unsaved people are attending the evening services.

We rejoiced to hear that the fellowship was sweet, the teaching Scriptural and edifying, and that the Spirit of God was manifesting Himself in great blessing. Rev. Lee Kidd of El Reno, Oklahoma, is leading the singing. Mrs. M. T. Walbridge of Dallas is pianist. We heard part of a fine message by Pastor H. C. Ownbey of the Bible Baptist Church, Oklahoma City. We expect a fine report of souls saved and hearts blessed before the camp meeting closes. Make your plans to attend next year. The meeting is held on the Old Settlers' Reunion Ground, two miles southwest of Decatur, in Wise County.

and lifeless. *Much of the life of faith consists in letting things alone.*

If we wholly trust an interest to God, we must keep our hands off it; and He will guard it for us better than we can help Him. "Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass."

Things may seem to be going all wrong, but He knows as well as we; and He will arise in the right moment if we are really trusting Him so fully as to let Him work in His own way and time. There is nothing so masterly as inactivity in some things, and there is nothing so hurtful as restless working, for God has undertaken to work His sovereign will. — A. B. Simpson.

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gospel preaching. We believe that Christians should win souls in personal conversation, should support the preaching ministry of their church, revivals and evangelists, should give out tracts, should sing, conduct street and mission meetings and hospital services. And surely Christians should help spread the gospel in *The Sword of the Lord*.

With this in mind, we have now a special subscription offer of 25c a year in clubs of four or more. We are glad for you to send your own subscription (35c for single subscriptions or four years for \$1.00), but we are especially anxious that thousands of new readers will begin the reading of the gospel messages in this little paper so blessed of God in the three short years it has been published.

One pastor ordered 2,000 copies of a certain issue of *The Sword of the Lord*. An evangelist ordered 3,000 copies of another issue. The other day a pastor ordered 300 of one issue that he thought would be especially helpful. A young man saved through reading the sermon "And Sitting Down They Watched Him There," asked for a number of copies of that issue to give to his friends. One lady passed on her paper with the sermon "Abounding Grace" to a friend, and the friend was converted. She then ordered a dozen copies of that issue and gave them out to others and they resulted in three happy professions of faith. One bundle goes regularly to a city missionary who gives them out from house to house in his work each week and another bundle of papers goes each week to the Texas State Penitentiary. Workers carry some also to the Parkland Hospital in Dallas each week and how eagerly they are received and looked forward to!

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What a thrill we are getting in the mail as these subscriptions start pouring in! We praise God for the many who are answering. But get your letter in the mail at once, send your subscriptions to *The Sword of the Lord*, 201 East Tenth Street, Dallas, Texas.

There are many black dots and black spots in our lives, and we cannot understand why they are there or why God permitted them to come. But if we let God come into our lives, and adjust the dots in the proper way, and draw the lines He wants, and separate this from that, and put in the rest at the proper places; out of the black dots and spots in our lives He will make a glorious harmony. Let us not hinder Him in this glorious work! — C. H. P.

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"... Since I read your sermon, 'Resolve,' I really decided to read the Bible through this year. I had read the Bible through several times, yet the way you emphasized this I thought I ought to read as you suggested. Reading same is good.

"Oh, praise our God, He will give us the desire of our hearts if we delight ourselves in Him.

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This next year we will print about fifty of Bro. Rice's sermons — most of these sermons are printed just as he preaches them in the pulpit — Think of getting fifty sermons and Bible Study Articles for 25c!

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THE LAST JUDGMENT OF THE UNSAVED DEAD

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after we are dead. One who waits until the last judgment to learn whether he has been saved or not is likely to be due for a terrible disappointment, for salvation is a present day matter. "He that believeth on the Son HATH everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him (John 3:36).

No Present On The Christmas Tree

When I was a small boy in West Texas the entire community would have the Christmas tree at one of the churches. There nearly everybody would bring their presents for children, for parents, for sweet-heart, for friends. Those were ex-

citing days. We could hardly wait until the program of songs and "recitations" and speeches were over and "Santa Claus" would begin to read the names on presents taken from the tree one by one and handed out by his helpers to boys and girls. What anticipation! What thrills! I sat many a time hoping against hope. Could that airgun be mine? Was that the ball and bat and glove that I had wanted so long? A thousand hopes and fears made the suspense almost unbearable and we waited breathless each for his name to be called. The packages, mysteriously wrapped, might be almost anything glamorous and fine! But my father was poor and we never spent much for Christmas. Year after year I saw the finest presents handed out to others and I waited while hope ebbed slowly away. If the last present was given and my name was not called, then the mock Santa Claus would reach under the tree and get some little bags made of netting, holding hard candy and perhaps an orange, and these would be handed out to any children who had gotten no presents, and sometimes for all alike. But I have never liked Christmas trees since and even yet I think it makes for a far happier Christmas when we talk about the angels who sang, "Glory to God in the Highest" and of the shepherds on the hillside and the wise men from the East and the babe in the manger, instead of all this foolish lying about an old man supposed to be at the North Pole whom we see on billboards everywhere as smoking cigarettes and drinking whiskey!

It is a faint picture, I know — for how can one picture the despair of a lost soul? And yet it

reminds me of how a poor doomed sinner must feel when the book of life, God's last witness, is brought out against him and his despairing eyes search those holy pages and finally with such sadness as none of us can ever know unless we go to Hell, he must say, "Oh, God! It is not there! My name is not in the book of life!"

Oh, if you want your name in the book of life you must get it done now and then you will not come to this awful judgment from which every soul, judged, returns to the lake of fire because his name is not in the book of life!

Every lost sinner might well burn into his heart these words by J. A. Brown, the sweet gospel singer:

In a day that is not far,
At the blazing judgment bar,
Even now the awful summons I can hear;
I must meet the mighty God,
I must face His holy word,
I must stand before the judgment bar.

I must meet each broken vow,
That I hold so lightly now,
Every heartache I have caused,
Each sigh, each tear;
Things that time can not erase,
I must meet them face to face,
When I stand before the judgment bar.

Every secret lust and tho't
There shall be to judgment bro't,
When the Lord in all His glory shall appear;
All the deeds of darkest night
Shall come out to greet the light
When I stand before the judgment bar.

I must meet my cankered gold,
For whose greed my life was sold,
It shall mock me in the judgment's lurid glare,
Saying ye have sold for naught,
All the Saviour's blood had bo't,
And you stand before the judgment bar.

Oh, my record will be there,
Be its pages dark or fair,
When I stand before the judgment bar;
When the books shall open lie,
In that morning by and by,
Oh, my record! Oh, my record will be there!

Sinner, You Need Not Come To This Judgment

This is a striking and terrible thought; that sinners must face God and their sins. No wonder the Scripture says, "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." But thank God, you do not have to wait for that awful day, my sinner friend. If you will trust in Christ you can escape that judgment, for Revelation 20:6 says, "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years." God loves you brother! Trust Him for forgiveness and mercy today and you will not come to this awful judgment. Christ was judged for your sins on the cross. When He cried out just before He died, "It is finished!" He meant that every sin of yours and mine was paid for — every one, thank God! And now He pleads, "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool (Isa. 1:18). You can have mercy instead of justice if you trust in Christ.

John 5:24 teaches us that if you will trust in Christ you will have no judgment, no condemnation, no second death. There Jesus said, as recorded in the Revised Version, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come to judgment; but is passed from death unto life." "Shall not come to judgment!" That is what I need and thank God, that is what I have.

And now let us read the last verse of the poem above and may God grant it will be the prayer of every sinner who reads it.

Let me turn and seek the Lord,
Let me trust His holy word,
Let us bow and call upon Him
while He's near;
Then when I my record face,

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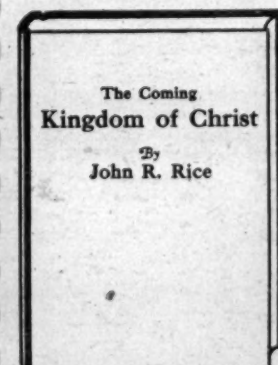
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My message is done and my heart is burdened. God will hold you to account for the way you read and the decision you make. Will you today confess your sins and trust Christ to forgive you? Will you claim Him as your Saviour? If so, then why not write and tell me so today? I will not publish your name unless you give me permission to do so but I will write a personal letter, and how I will rejoice to know that some sinner has passed from death to life! And how the angels in Heaven will rejoice to know that one more has

his name in the book of life and will not come to judgment for his sins! Decide now, and write today! Can you sign this sincerely?

Rev. John R. Rice
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Dear Brother Rice:

I know I am a sinner and I do not want to come to the awful judgment when the record books will be opened and every person judged according to his works. I want mercy and forgiveness, not justice alone. I believe that Christ died for my sins and took my place. So here and now I give Him my heart and trust Him to forgive me. I claim Him as my Saviour and Lord and gladly write this to let you know. I trust that today God forgives my sins and writes my name in the book of life.

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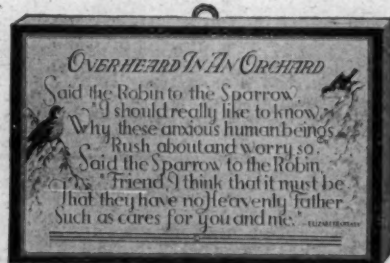
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